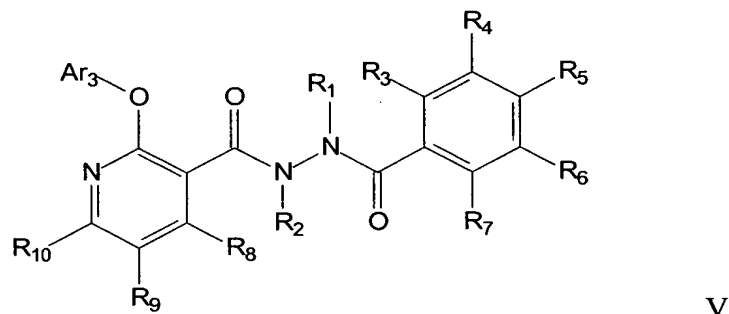


### *Amendments to the Claims*

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Claim 1: (previously amended) A compound having the formula V:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

Ar<sub>3</sub> is optionally substituted aryl;

R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are independently hydrogen, alkyl or cycloalkyl;

R<sub>3</sub>-R<sub>10</sub> are independently hydrogen, halo, haloalkyl, aryl, fused aryl, carbocyclic, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, arylalkyl, arylalkenyl, arylalkynyl, carbocycloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, nitro, amino, cyano, acylamino, hydroxy, thiol, sulfonyl, phosphonyl, acyloxy, azido, alkoxy, aryloxy, arylalkoxy, haloalkoxy, carboxy, carbonylamido or alkylthiol;

with the proviso that when Ar<sub>3</sub> is unsubstituted phenyl then each of R<sub>3</sub>-R<sub>7</sub> is other than NH<sub>2</sub>, NHCH<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, halo or CF<sub>3</sub> and at least one of R<sub>3</sub>-R<sub>7</sub> is other than hydrogen;

wherein the alkyl, alkoxy, alkenyl and alkynyl groups may have optional substituents selected from the group consisting of one or more halo, hydroxy, carboxyl, amino, nitro, cyano, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> acylamino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> acyloxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, aryloxy, alkylthio,

C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aryl, C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> cycloalkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkynyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aryl(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkenyl and C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aryl(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkynyl groups; and

wherein the aryl, aralkyl, aralkenyl and aralkynyl groups may have optional substituents selected from the group consisting of one or more halo, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aryl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aryloxy, C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> cycloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkynyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aryl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aryl(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkenyl-, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aryl(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkynyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> hydroxyalkyl, nitro, amino, ureido, cyano, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> acylamino, hydroxy, thiol, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> acyloxy, azido, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy and carboxy groups.

Claim 2: (previously presented) The compound of claim 1, wherein R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are hydrogen.

Claim 3: (canceled).

Claim 4: (previously presented) The compound of claim 1, wherein Ar<sub>3</sub> is optionally substituted aryl.

Claim 5: (previously presented) The compound of claim 4, wherein Ar<sub>3</sub> is optionally substituted phenyl.

Claims 6 and 7: (canceled)

Claim 8: (previously amended) The compound of claim 1, wherein said compound is selected from the group consisting of:

N'-[2-(4-Methylphenoxy)pyridine-3-carbonyl]-2-hydroxy-benzhydrazide;

N'-[2-(4-Methylphenoxy)pyridine-3-carbonyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-  
benzhydrazide;

N'-(2-Phenoxy)pyridine-3-carbonyl)-3-hydroxybenzhydrazide;

N'-(2-Phenoxy)pyridine-3-carbonyl)-4-hydroxybenzhydrazide;

N'-(2-Phenoxy)pyridine-3-carbonyl)-2-hydroxybenzhydrazide; and

pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Claims 9-11: (canceled).

Claim 12: (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition, comprising the compound of claim 1-~~or 11~~, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claims 13-79 (canceled)

Claim 80: (previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 12, wherein R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are hydrogen.

Claim 81: (previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 12, wherein at least one of R<sub>3</sub>-R<sub>7</sub> is other than hydrogen.

Claim 82: (previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 12, wherein Ar<sub>3</sub> is optionally substituted phenyl.

Claim 83: (previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 82, wherein said compound is selected from the group consisting of:

N'-[2-(4-Methylphenoxy)pyridine-3-carbonyl]-2-hydroxy-benzhydrazide;

N'-[2-(4-Methylphenoxy)pyridine-3-carbonyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-  
benzhydrazide;

N'-(2-Phenoxy)pyridine-3-carbonyl)-3-hydroxybenzhydrazide;

N'-(2-Phenoxy)pyridine-3-carbonyl)-4-hydroxybenzhydrazide;

N'-(2-Phenoxy)pyridine-3-carbonyl)-2-hydroxybenzhydrazide; and

a pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.